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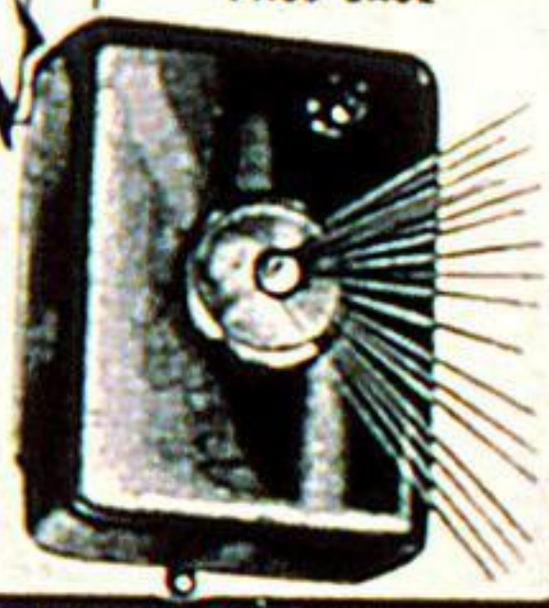

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THE HUMAN TORCH

I'VE GOT A *KING!*

REMEMBER, TORCH! IF I DRAW A *HIGHER CARD* THAN *YOU, SHE DIES!*

"He GAMBLED on DEATH!"

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A *QUEEN!* SHOW YOUR HAND!

TWENTY-TWO! EVEN AN ACE IN THE HOLE COULDN'T SAVE ME WITH *THAT* DRAW!

YOU *LOSE!*

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Robert O'Regan
Klamath Falls
Oregon

WOULD YOU CARE TO PLAY AGAIN?

NO, THANKS! IT'S A BIT STUFFY IN HERE! I THINK I'LL TAKE A BREATH OF AIR!

A BREATH OF AIR! BREATHE *DEEPLY!* IT WILL BE YOUR *LAST!*

I CAN'T *LIVE* WITHOUT GAMBLING! AND I'M *BROKE!* SO, *THIS* IS THE *ONLY* WAY OUT!

...OR IS IT? PERHAPS I'M *WRONG!* WHY SHOULD MY LIFE BE FORFEITED BECAUSE THE CARDS DON'T ADD UP FOR ME?

I'VE BEEN GAMBLING ON THE *WRONG THINGS!* FROM NOW ON, I'LL PLACE MY BETS ONLY ON—*MYSELF!* THEN, IF I LOSE, I DESERVE TO PAY THE FORFEIT!

AT THIS MOMENT. NOT FAR DISTANT... *BIG JIM CAFFERY,* GANG OVERLORD, IS ABOUT TO PAY A FORFEIT FOR HIS CRIMES..

(GULP) THE BULLETS DON'T STOP THEM!

BANG!

LET 'EM GRAB MY TWO LIEUTENANTS! I'LL ESCAPE WHILE THEY'RE DOING IT!

TRYING TO GET AWAY WHILE YOUR PALS TAKE THE PUNISHMENT, EH?

UGH!

WRAP 'EM UP FOR DELIVERY AT THE STATE PEN, TORO!

THAT'S THE LAST STOP FOR JIM CAFFERY!

TIMELY GLOBE

BIG JIM CAFFERY CONVICTED!

EX-GANG LORD GETS 20 YEARS

A PALL OF GLOOM SETTLES OVER BIG JIM'S HEADQUARTERS...

TWENTY YEARS! BIG JIM'S **WASHED UP!**

YEAH, AND SO ARE **WE!** THIS MOB NEEDS BIG JIM'S BRAINS! **WE** AIN'T NO GOOD WITHOUT **HIM!**

GUESS I'LL HAFTA GO STRAIGHT! AT LEAST, FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS!

I'M WILLING TO ***BET*** THAT BIG JIM CAFFERY WILL BE ***FREE*** BY ***TOMORROW MORNING!***

WHAT KIND OF TALK IS **THAT?** ARE YOU CRAZY OR SUMP'N? WHO ***ARE*** YOU?

I'M CALLED - ***THE GAMBLER!*** AND I ***BET*** ON ***ANYTHING!*** DOES MY PROPOSITION INTEREST YOU?

LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT! YOU WANNA BET BIG JIM IS SPRUNG BY TOMORROW MORNING?

PRECISELY! I'LL EXPECT YOU TO LAY THE ODDS, OF COURSE! SHALL WE SAY TEN TO ONE? FOR ***TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!***

A ***HUNDRED GRAND,*** IF WE LOSE! OKAY, IT'S A BET! WE'VE GOT **THAT** MUCH DOUGH IN THE KITTY!

EXCELLENT! I'M PLEASED TO HEAR IT!

THAT NIGHT, IN STATE PRISON...

I'M DR. EVANS—FROM THE PRISON HOSPITAL! THE WARDEN ASKED ME TO EXAMINE BIG JIM CAFFERY!

OKAY, DOC! I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING WAS WRONG WITH BIG JIM! I JUST CAME ON DUTY!

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GOOD HEAVENS! WE MUST GET THIS MAN OUT *IMMEDIATELY!* HE'S SUFFERING FROM *ASIATIC CHOLERA!*

(GULP!) I'D BETTER CALL THE WARDEN!

NO TIME FOR THAT! *EVERYONE* IN THE PRISON WILL BE DOWN WITH THE PLAGUE IF WE DON'T ACT QUICKLY! I'VE AN AMBULANCE WAITING!

YOU TAKING HIM TO A HOSPITAL?

OF COURSE! WARN THE GUARDS AT THE PRISON GATES TO LET US THROUGH, AND NOT TO COME NEAR! OR THEY'LL CATCH THE PLAGUE TOO!

G-GOSH! M-MAYBE *I'VE* G-GOT IT! I'D BETTER CHECK IN AT THE INFIRMARY!

SOON...

HA HA! I WIN MY BET! *WE MADE IT!*

E-EEEEEEE

LATER!

WHAT'S THE HURRY, TORCH?

BIG JIM CAFFERY *ESCAPED!* I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE WARDEN!

YOU *MUST* FIND BIG JIM, AND BRING HIM BACK! IF THE NEWS OF THIS GETS OUT, I'LL BE *RUINED!*

THEY'LL SAY YOU WERE *BRIBED* TO CONNIVE IN BIG JIM'S ESCAPE!

I'M AN HONEST MAN! I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE *THAT!*

I BELIEVE YOU! THIS ESCAPE. *WASN'T* AN *INSIDE JOB!* IT WAS ENGINEERED BY A MAN OF DARING AND INTELLIGENCE!

WE'LL CHECK THE PLACES MOST FREQUENTED BY BIG JIM AND HIS HENCHMEN! MAYBE *THAT* WILL GIVE US A LEAD!

MEANWHILE...

NINETY-EIGHT, NINETY-NINE, A HUNDRED GRAND! IT'S ALL THERE- COUNT IT!

THIS HAS BEEN A PROFITABLE ENTERPRISE- FOR *BOTH* OF US!

I *ALWAYS* PAY OFF! BUT THAT'S A HIGH TARIFF! IT LEAVES ME AND THE BOYS PRETTY BROKE!

I CAN TELL YOU WHERE TO *REPAIR* YOUR FORTUNES! THERE'S HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD AT THE FARMER'S BANK!

SURE, HIDDEN IN THEIR BRAND NEW VAULTS! NO CROOK IN THE WORLD COULD GRAB *THAT* DOUGH! THOSE VAULTS ARE BURGLAR-PROOF!

WOULD YOU CARE TO BET THAT *I* CAN DO IT?

I HAVEN'T ANY DOUGH TO BET, OR I'D TAKE YOU UP ON THAT!

WE'LL ROB THE VAULTS *TOGETHER!* GET YOUR BOYS TO PLACE THIS MONEY WITH THE UNDERWORLD... AT ODDS OF *FOUR* TO *ONE!* I PROMISE YOU THAT WE'LL COLLECT ON OUR WAGER!

LATER...

HEY, TORCH! ISN'T THAT ONE OF BIG JIM CAFFERY'S BOYS?

YES, *IT IS!* WE'LL WAIT FOR HIM!

BAR & GRILL

WE'RE **BETTING** THE FARMER'S BANK VAULTS ARE **ROBBED TOMORROW,** OKAY?

YOU'RE **COVERED!** THIS IS **SUCKER DOUGH!** YOU **HAVEN'T** GOT A **CHANCE!**

WELL, THERE HE GOES, TORO!

HE'S IN A **HURRY,** TOO!

SO ARE WE! I'VE A **HUNCH** HE'S HEADING **RIGHT FOR BIG JIM CAFFERY!**

AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE FARMER'S BANK...

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY?

I HEARD A **HUMAN VOICE! SOMEONE'S** LOCKED **INSIDE** THE VAULT!

I HEARD IT TOO! **IT'S AWFUL!**

MANAGER

GOOD GRIEF! THERE **IS** SOMEONE INSIDE!

HELP! HELP!

HELP!

THIS VOICE THROWER WORKS **PERFECTLY!** HE **DOESN'T** KNOW IT'S **MY** VOICE THAT **APPEARS** TO BE COMING FROM THE VAULT!

THE VAULTS ARE LOCKED **AUTOMATICALLY! NO ONE** CAN OPEN THEM UNTIL TOMORROW! THAT— THAT **POOR** MAN WILL **SUFFOCATE!** OH, **WHAT SHALL I DO?**

HMM...PERHAPS **I** CAN HELP! DO YOU HAVE A TELEPHONE I CAN USE?

A FRIEND OF MINE IS A **LEADING AUTHORITY** ON **SAFE LOCKS!** I'M SURE **HE** CAN DO SOMETHING!

CALL HIM **IMMEDIATELY!** T-TELL HIM IT'S A **M-MATTER** OF **LIFE OR DEATH!**

THE GAMBLER'S SCHEME IS **WORKING LIKE A CHARM!**

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE BOGUS EXPERT HAS ARRIVED, AND . . .

WE'LL BE *AMPLY* REPAID FOR THIS DAY'S WORK!

THE VAULTS ARE OPEN, BIG JIM! I WIN MY BET!

NOW, *WE'LL* GO TO WORK!

BANG!

AND *SO* WILL *WE!*

TORCH AND TORO!

WE FOLLOWED BIG JIM'S STOOGE! YOU COOKED UP A NEAT SCHEME, GAMBLER! BUT *THIS* IS *ONE* TIME YOU *LOSE!*

ISN'T THAT GUN A LITTLE TOO HOT TO HANDLE?

OWWW!

I'LL LOCK THE VAULT DOOR BEFORE THE CASH IS STOLEN!

WHEN *ALL* SEEMS *LOST, BE DARING!* THAT'S THE CREED OF A GAMBLER! I'LL SOUND THE BURGLAR ALARM!

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO *JAIL! GET ME OUT OF HERE!*

WHIRRRRRRRR

NOW WE'RE SAFE! THE STEEL DOOR LOCKED IN *TORCH* AND *TORO!*

YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

BANK

THE GAMBLER SET OFF THE ALARM! THOSE DOORS ARE MADE OF EIGHTEEN INCHES OF **SOLID** STEEL!

NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT FOR THE POLICE TO ARRIVE! THE GAMBLER'S ESCAPED! BUT WE'VE CAUGHT JIM CAFFERY AND HIS BOYS!

LATER!

TIMELY GLOBE

TORCH AND TORO FOIL DARING ASSAULT ON BANK

BAH! I HELD A WINNING HAND, BUT TORCH AND TORO **TRUMPED** ME! I LOST A ***FORTUNE*** IN BETS! NOT TO MENTION THE DAMAGE TO MY ***PRESTIGE!***

THERE'S ONLY ***ONE*** WAY TO RECOUP SUCH LOSSES! MY LAST AND BIGGEST GAMBLE... I'LL BET ***MY LIFE*** THAT ***TORCH*** AND ***TORO*** ***WILL DIE!***

LATER, THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER...

ONE OF OUR STOOL PIGEONS BROUGHT THIS IN, TORCH! THESE HANDBILLS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED ALL OVER THE UNDERWORLD!

HMM! OUR FRIEND, THE GAMBLER, IS BACK TO HIS BETTING DAYS!

HE KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER I'D SEE THIS!

NOTICE! PLACE YOUR BETS! THE GAMBLER PREDICT DEATH FOR TORCH AND TORO!

SOON...

WE'RE TAKING THE GAMBLER'S BET, TORO!

BUT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW ***WHERE*** TO ***FIND*** HIM!

I TALKED TO THAT STOOL PIGEON! THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE SAYS THAT THE GAMBLER HAS HOLED UP ON AN OLD RIVER BOAT!

THE PERFECT HIDEOUT FOR HIM!

AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE ANCIENT RIVER BOAT'S GAMING ROOM!

SEVEN! I WIN AGAIN! HA-HA! TORCH AND TORO ARE DOOMED!

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO BET?

THE STAKES ARE HIGH IN THIS GAME!

CARBON DIOXIDE GAS! IT'S PUTTING OUT OUR FLAMES!

IT'S MY LIFE AGAINST YOURS!

AND SOON!

(COUGH!)

YOU SEE, I WAS PREPARED FOR YOUR COMING! I HOPE YOU ARE PREPARED TO MAKE A VERY SUDDEN EXIT!

(COUGH!) (COUGH!)

JUST IN TIME, MY DEAR! I WANT YOU TO SEE HOW THE GAMBLER PLAYS A WINNING HAND!

NOW'S MY CHANCE! HE'S OFF GUARD!

YOU DELAYED A MOMENT TOO LONG, GAMBLER! I'M DEALING YOU OUT!

YOU PICKED THE *LOSING* SIDE! NOW YOU'VE GOT TO PAY THE *PENALTY!*

OHHH!

YOU DON'T NEED THIS MASK, NOW! THE GAS IS THINNING OUT!

DON'T GAMBLE ON ANY FALSE MOVES!

IT'S ALL IN THE WAY THE NUMBERS FALL! ONE TIME YOU *WIN*, ANOTHER TIME YOU *LOSE!*

NO, DON'T! THE ROULETTE WHEEL IS *WIRED!* IT SETS OFF THE FUSE ON A DYNAMITE CHARGE IN THE HOLD!

A SECOND'S HESITATION... AND THEN TORCH DECIDES!

I *CAN'T* TAKE THE CHANCE! I'VE NO RIGHT TO RISK *YOUR* LIFE TOO!

HE WASN'T BLUFFING AFTER ALL! I **TRIED** TO MAKE HIM LEAVE WITH ME, BUT HE WOULDN'T GO!

BOOM!

HE COULDN'T ACCEPT HIS LOSS! HE PREFERRED TO TAKE *ONE LAST GAMBLE* WITH DEATH!

THAT'S A BET HE *COULDN'T WIN!*

I THINK HE *KNEW* IT TOO, TORCH!

I'M *SURE* OF IT! THE ODDS ARE ALWAYS *AGAINST* A CRIMINAL!

THE END

Captain Tootsie TRAPS KILLER BEAR WITH INVISIBLE LIGHT

BY C.C. BECK AND PETER COSTANZA

CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND THE SECRET LEGION ARE CAMPING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

HOWDY THAR, FOLKS!

WH-WHO ARE YOU?

GOSH, LOOK AT THAT DANDY 'COON TAIL HE'S WEARING!

'COON TAIL CHARLIE'S M'NAME, BOYS! JEST DROPPED BY TA WARN YE THAR'S A **KILLER BEAR** LOOSE IN THESE PARTS! BETTER BE KEERFUL!

WE'LL BE ON THE WATCH FOR HIM, 'COON TAIL CHARLIE! THANKS FOR THE WARNING!

SUDDENLY...

HELP! EEEEK!

A CALL FOR HELP! IT'S FROM THE GIRLS' CAMP ACROSS THE LAKE!

MAYBE THE KILLER BEAR'S AFTER 'EM!

WE'LL NEED LOTS OF QUICK ENERGY TO ROW ACROSS THE LAKE! HERE, EVERYBODY EAT A **TOOTSIE ROLL!** AND ROLLO, FETCH MY SNIPERSCOPE FROM THE TENT!

OK, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!

BY DAD! THEM THAR TOOTSIE ROLLS SURE PUT STEAM INTA YER MUSCLES, DON'T THEY? I'M READY TA TAKE ON THAT KILLER BEAR SINGLE-HANDED!

SCREECH! EEK!

WOW! LISTEN TO THAT EXCITEMENT!

OH, WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'VE COME! THE KILLER BEAR JUST RAIDED OUR SUPPLIES WHILE WE WERE ASLEEP!

WE'RE SCARED! IT'S SO DARK!

DON'T WORRY, MA'AM! WE'LL GET THAT BEAR WITH OUR SNIPERSCOPE!

THE SNIPERSCOPE WAS ONE OF THE SECRET WEAPONS USED BY THE ARMY TO SPOT THE ENEMY AT NIGHT. ITS LAMP SENDS OUT INVISIBLE INFRA RED LIGHT RAYS WHICH ARE REFLECTED BY THE TARGET AND PICKED UP AND TURNED TO VISIBLE LIGHT BY THE ELECTRONIC SIGHT.

HERE'S HIS TRACKS! WE'RE CLOSE BEHIND HIM!

I HEAR HIM UP AHEAD!

SNARL! GROWL!

SNAP!

CRASH!

I SEE HIM! THERE HE GOES!

WHAT CAPTAIN TOOTSIE SEES

BANG!

LATER...

BY DAD! I NEVER SEED THE LIKES OF IT— SHOOTIN' BEARS AT NIGHT!

AFTER THAT EXCITEMENT, FOLKS, ANOTHER ROUND OF **TOOTSIE ROLLS** OUGHT TO HIT THE SPOT! COME AND GET 'EM!

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LISTEN, PRINCE NAMOR! ISN'T IT *BEAUTIFUL?*

IT *OUGHT* TO BE!

THAT *CAN'T* BE ANYONE EXCEPT VLADIMIR BROSCH PLAYING THE PIANO! IT MUST BE COMING FROM HIS YACHT!

I'M JUST IN THE MOOD FOR A FREE CONCERT!

THAT WAS WONDERFUL! PLAY US ANOTHER PIECE, VLADIMIR!

HOW ABOUT "DEATH IN VENICE"? I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS YOUR BEST!

I WOULD RATHER NOT PLAY IT! IT HAS TOO MANY MEMORIES FOR ME!

ONCE I WAS TRAVELING IN VENICE... A LOVELY MAIDEN THERE I DID SEE...

THAT SONG! WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?

BUT WHEN I GAZED FONDLY INTO HER EYES I SAW DEATH WAITING THERE FOR ME...

WH-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

MEN CALL ME THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR, AND I CAME HERE FOR A SINGLE REASON...

TO KILL YOU!

BANG!

HURRY, PRINCE NAMOR! THOSE WERE SHOTS!

APPARENTLY SOMEONE DIDN'T LIKE MUSIC!

THESE ORIGINAL MUSIC SHEETS FOR BROSCH'S PIANO CONCERTO SHOULD BE WORTH A FORTUNE! I CARE NOT FOR SUCH TRIFLES— BUT IT WILL PLEASE THE GREEDY FOOLS WHO SERVE ME!

YOU HAVEN'T **STARTED** TO GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU!

GET UP! THERE ARE A FEW **MORE PAYMENTS** COMING TO YOU!

MUSIC HATH CHARMS TO SOOTHE THE **SAVAGE BEAST!**

BEHOLD! MY MUSICAL **SIGNALS** CALLED FORTH **THESE** CHARMING GENTLEMEN!

AND THEY WILL SOOTHE THE **SAVAGERY** FROM YOUR SOULS! FAREWELL!

TSK! TSK! HAVEN'T YOU GOT YOUR SEA-LEGS YET?

HELP!

LET'S HEAR YOU SING IN THE KEY OF **OUCH!**

OUCH!

SLAM!

"SELTZER GETS IN YOUR EYES!" *HOW* DO YOU LIKE *THAT* AS A SONG TITLE?

OH!

I'LL ADMIT IT'S CORNY! BUT, THEN *YOU'RE* IN NO CONDITION TO *CRITICIZE!*

OWWW!

YOUR *CHARMS DIDN'T* WORK VERY WELL, *TROUBADOUR!*

STILL *SAVAGE*, EH? THEN I'VE *LOST FAITH* IN MUSIC!

HERE! *YOU* CAN TAKE MY *GUITAR!*

LOOK OUT, NAMORA!

BA-BOOM!

HA-HA-HA!

LONG MINUTES LATER...

WOW! THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR'S MUSIC *CERTAINLY PACKS* A *KICK!* IT KNOCKED ME OUT!

AND IT GAVE *HIM* TIME TO ESCAPE! THAT *TNT*-LOADED GUITAR WAS A *NEAT LITTLE* GADGET!

SOON...

THE POLICE LAUNCH WILL ARRIVE *SHORTLY!* CAN YOU GUESS *WHY ANYONE* WOULD WANT TO MURDER VLADIMIR BROSCH?

HE DIDN'T HAVE AN *ENEMY* IN THE WORLD! *EVERYBODY* LOVED HIM!

THERE WAS AT LEAST *ONE* DISSENTING VOTE! PERHAPS THE CLUE IS SOMEWHERE IN HIS *PAST!*

BEFORE HE BECAME A FAMOUS CONCERT PIANIST, BROSCH PLAYED WITH A QUARTET! PERHAPS *ONE* OF THE *SURVIVING* MEMBERS COULD *TELL* YOU *MORE* ABOUT HIS *EARLY LIFE!*

COME ON, NAMORA! WE'VE GOT A LITTLE RESEARCH TO DO ON THE *LATE* VLADIMIR BROSCH!

AT THE OFFICES OF MUSIC, INC., A TALENT AGENCY FOR MUSICIANS...

VLADIMIR BROSCH PLAYED WITH THE VIENNESE *QUARTET!* WE HAVE THE NAMES OF THE OTHERS WITH THEIR ADDRESSES!

THANKS! JUST THE *INFORMATION* I NEED!

LEO BRIGGS PLAYED THE VIOLIN IN THE QUARTET! HE'S NOW A *FAMOUS CONDUCTOR!*

I'VE HEARD OF HIM! HE CONDUCTS ON THE *FLOATING BAND-STAND!*

THE FLOATING BANDSTAND! A UNIQUE *AMPHITHEATRE* WHERE GREAT MUSIC IS PLAYED...

FOR THE NEXT NUMBER, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY SCHUBERT'S EIGHTH SYMPHONY...

THEN! THE FAMOUS *UNFINISHED SYMPHONY!* HAVE YOU HEARD THE WORDS I COMPOSED TO HIS MUSIC?

THAT VOICE! I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE!

THIS IS THE SYMPHONY THAT *DEATH* ALONE CAN FINISH!

IT-IT-*IS YOU! NO!*

AND NOW *IT'S* FINISHED! *FOREVER!*

OH!

NAMORA! WE'RE *TOO LATE!*

BANG!

THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR ARRIVED *BEFORE* US!

A GENUINE *STRADIVARIUS!* IT SHOULD BE WORTH A *FORTUNE!*

THAT'S A FORTUNE YOU'LL *NEVER* COLLECT!

OOF!

I *CAN'T* KEEP MISSING, AT THIS RANGE!

YOU'RE GETTING *CLOSE!*

THIS WILL START YOU PLAYING A *DIFFERENT* TUNE!

WHOMP!

HERE'S YOUR *MUSIC* LESSON FOR TODAY! NEVER GET *TOO* CLOSE TO THE STAND!

OH!

BUT, THE NEXT INSTANT...

OHHH!

SUB-MARINER, SPEAK TO ME!

LET'S GO! *NOW'S* OUR CHANCE TO *ESCAPE!*

ANXIOUS MINUTES LATER...

THANK HEAVENS! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

THE BULLET BOUNCED OFF MY SCALP! THIS WILL TEACH ME *NEVER* TO TURN MY BACK ON THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR AGAIN!

JIM AND LUELLA CLEGGET ARE THE ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL QUARTET LEFT ALIVE! HE'S NOW A FAMOUS COMPOSER

THEY LIVE IN A HOUSE ON ROCK ISLAND! SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'D BETTER GET OUT THERE *QUICKLY!*

LATER, A SMALL SUBMARINE RUNS AGROUND ON THE SHORES OF ROCK ISLAND...

THIS WAS A USEFUL METHOD OF REACHING THE FLOATING BANDSTAND! NOW IT SERVES ME WELL AGAIN!

I HOPE THERE **WON'T** BE ANY KILLING **THIS** TIME, TROUBADOUR!

I DON'T MIND ROBBING, BUT—

YOU MAY KEEP YOUR *FILTHY LOOT!* I HAVE MY *OWN* MOTIVES! AND *I WILL NOT HAVE MY ACTIONS QUESTIONED!*

IN THE CLEGGET MANSION

JIM! THAT SONG! IT'S *"DEATH IN VENICE!"*

SOMEONE'S PLAYING IT ON THE PIANO IN OUR MUSIC ROOM!

NO ONE PLAYED IT LIKE *THAT,* EXCEPT

DAVID LARNUM! BUT HE'S *DEAD!* HE WAS *DROWNED!*

YES, *I* AM DAVID LARNUM! I *DIDN'T* DIE IN THAT SHIPWRECK! I REACHED A DESERT ISLAND, AND RETURNED *YEARS LATER*... TO FIND THAT *YOU* HAD STOLEN *MY SONG... AND MY FAME!*

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BUT, DAVID! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE *DEAD!* IT DIDN'T MATTER!

EVIDENTLY IT MATTERS TO *HIM* A *GREAT DEAL!*

WHA...?

BUT HE'S HAD *TOO MUCH TIME* TO BROOD UPON A FANCIED *INJUSTICE!* THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR IS NOW OBVIOUSLY *A MADMAN!*

UGGH!

I FOUND THEM LURKING IN THE NEXT ROOM! THEY DIDN'T OFFER MUCH RESISTANCE!

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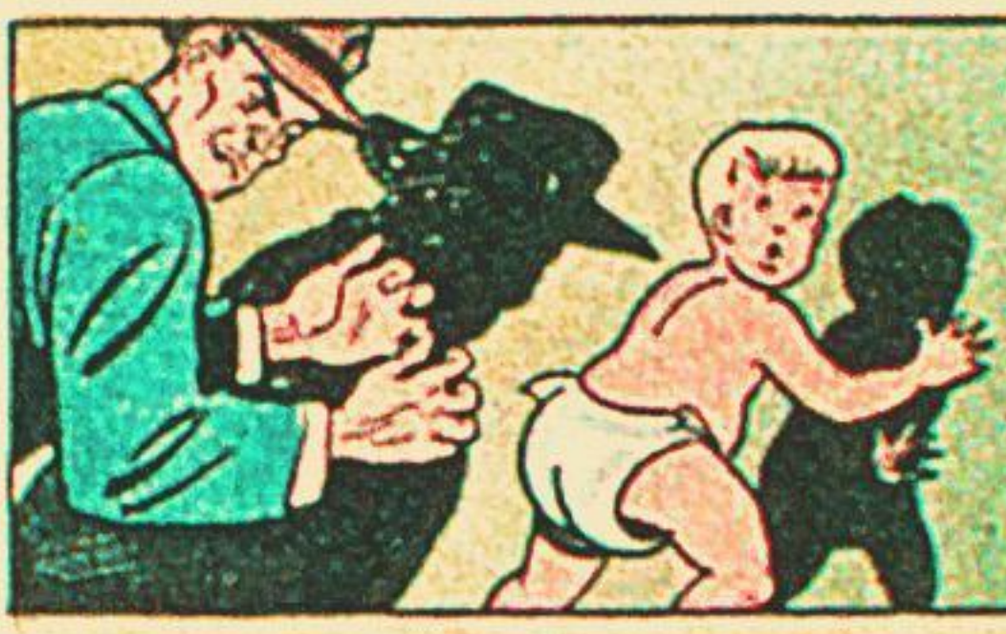
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

HURRY, NAMORA! THERE'S A SPECIAL CONCERT AT THE *FLOATING BANDSTAND!* THEY'RE PLAYING *"DEATH IN VENICE"!*

HA! HA! HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH? I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE LIKED MUSIC *THAT MUCH!*

THE END



HANDS OF FATE

"JOE! Joe! Where are you?" Mr. Leopold's excited call came from the back door of Joe Weeks' basement apartment. A slow-grin spread across Joe's face as he finished putting a coat of green paint on the walls of his pantry. He waited a moment before putting his brush down and entering the kitchen. Mr. Leopold, short and fat, was pulling at the locked screen door. Taking his time, Joe wiped off his hands before unlocking the door, letting the excited man in.

"What's up, Mr. Leopold, you look excited," he said as casually as his inner nervousness would allow.

"Joe, I've got troubles and you've got to help me, please," Mr. Leopold said as he grabbed Joe by the arm. He was shaking, and large beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead, Joe could see that his agitation was honest.

"Sure. Sure, Mr. Leopold, but you had better sit down." Joe helped the old man to a chair. "Now, what's bothering you?"

"It's baby Rosie, Joe. She's gone, stolen. Someone stole my grandchild, Joe, and you have to help me," Mr. Leopold cried as he wrung his hands in anguish. His face was pale, and he looked faint.

Joe allowed a breath of astonishment to flash across his face and followed that with an expression denoting pity. "Rosie kidnapped? Oh, no, Mr. Leopold. Now who would do a thing like that?" he asked, as if he didn't know.

"I don't understand, Joe, but she's gone and you've got to help me. It says here you've got to help me," the old man explained, holding up a piece of brown paper he had been clutching. There were words scribbled across it.

Joe read the message aloud, "We have your granddaughter. Don't call the police or things will happen. Give J. Weaks two-thousand-dollars and we will contact him. Don't call the police."

Misspelling his own name had been a good idea, Joe thought.

"What will I do, Joe? Shall I call the police?"

"No! You had better not do that," Joe answered hurriedly. "It says not to in the note. These people must know everything you do or they wouldn't know I was such a good friend of yours."

"You'll help me, Joe. I'll get the money and you do like they tell you," Mr. Leopold pleaded. Joe nodded his head. He looked at the clock and saw it was 2:30, just time enough for the old man to get the money before the bank closed.

"Sure I'll help you. I'm your friend, ain't I? You get the money and I'll wait here in case they call me."

The old man almost kissed his hand in gratitude, "Thank you, Joe, thank you!"

Joe watched the old man rush out the back door and by the back of the apartment houses to his own building, where he disappeared up a flight of stairs.

Then Joe walked down a hallway to an unused room and opened the door. He looked down at a cardboard box in which baby Rosie quietly slept on a pillow. Yesterday she was just another little messie brat trying out her walking legs by pushing her hands against the wall until she was standing and then staggering about. Today she was a little bundle worth two-thousand-dollars.

Joe walked back to the kitchen and lit a cigar. He looked out the window at the blank wall of a garage facing the backs of the apartment houses, and then his eyes turned to little Rosie's carriage,

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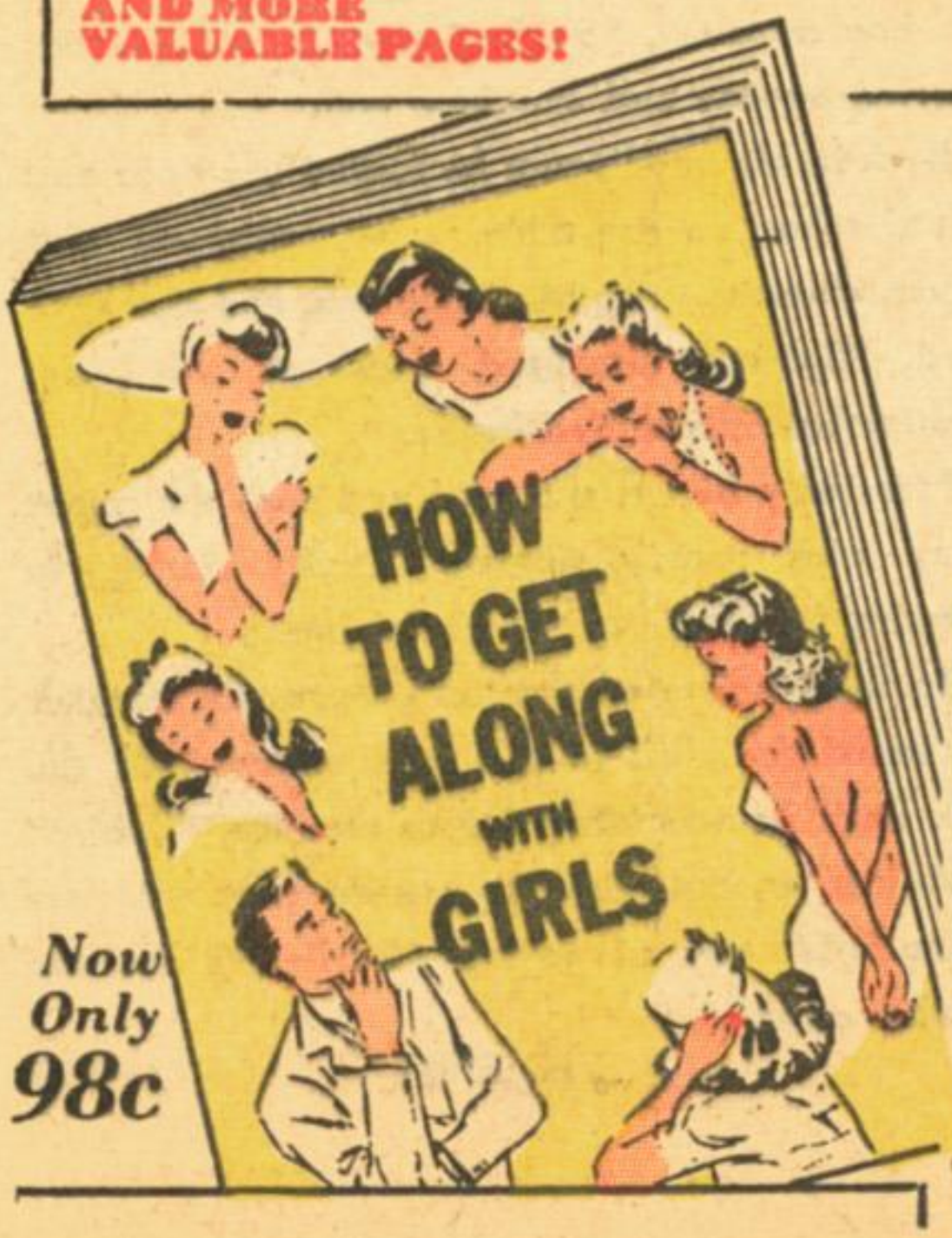

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now empty, but still standing in the yard where Mr. Leopold lived with his son, Frank, his daughter-in-law, and their child.

Joe's mind wandered back over the events of the past year, from the time he had first met the Leopolds. He realized that he had never really considered kidnapping Rosie. When he first met Mr. Leopold, in the grocery store the old man owned two buildings away, he had just taken the job as janitor and wasn't acquainted with anyone in the neighborhood. Mr. Leopold found out he liked to play chess and invited him home. From then on he had gone there quite often, and at least once a week was invited up for supper. But despite the family's friendliness, he had never really liked them, and he knew he was just biding his time until the day came when he could get away from his job.

Then, one evening, the old man was reading a piece in the paper about a kidnapping in which the victim was killed. He remarked, "Nothing like that will ever happen to our little Rosie. I'd give everything I own to see that it didn't, and I wouldn't tell the police like these people did."

Perhaps that had been when, deep in his subconscious, he had started thinking about the possibility of kidnapping the child. But it wasn't until today that he knew he was going to do it. When he had gone out to burn a box full of papers he had seen Rosie in her carriage, and no one was around. On the return trip from the incinerator he had picked the youngster up, hardly without thinking of what he was doing, and put her into the empty box he carried. A few minutes later he put the note in the empty carriage. Then he had waited.

Joe was just finishing his cigar when Mr. Leopold hurried in, his hand deep in a coat pocket from which he pulled a thick sheaf of bills.

"Have you heard anything, Joe?" he asked.

"Now there's no need to worry, Mr. Leopold. They called and said if I took the money to a certain street corner tonight at 7:00 Rosie would be brought back. But you and your son and his wife are to stay in your apartment until I return."

"Franky's not here. He's out of town. But it's just as well, because I know he would want to tell the police. We'll do just as you say, Joe."

After the old man left Joe sat around smoking and thinking about the time he would have with the money now lying on his kitchen table. At 6:30 he took a last look at the baby, gave her a piece of bread soaked in milk so's she wouldn't cry, and returned to the kitchen, leaving open the door to the room where she was so that some of the heat from the kitchen would keep her warm.

Picking up the money he went out into the street and took a long walk, returning to his apartment at 7:30. He walked to the room to get the baby . . . and found her gone. The box she had been in was turned over—and empty.

He rushed into the dark kitchen and was reaching for the knob when he heard a sound behind him and turned, to see Little Rosie coming out of the pantry, stumbling along on small feet. He scooped her up and carried her through the darkness to the carriage and placed her in it.

There was much celebrating that night at the Leopold's and Joe felt very happy when he pressed his hands against his coat pocket where the two-thousand rested.

The next morning, as he was making coffee, the police came. Mr. Leopold and his son Frank were with them. Frank shook Joe's hand.

"I want to thank you for what you did yesterday, Mr. Weeks. I only wish I had gotten back sooner. I would have told the police last night. I convinced Pop we had better tell them today and they would like to ask you some questions."

"There's only one thing I would like to know, Weeks, and that is if there have been any young children in this apartment lately?" one of the plain clothes officers, who had been looking around, asked.

Joe, surprised, shook his head, "No."

The detective took him firmly by the arm and led him into the pantry and pointed at a section of the wall near the floor. There, clearly imprinted in the paint which had been fresh the day before, were two little hand marks where little Rosie had pushed herself to a standing position.

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On Jan. 24, 1848, gold was discovered in California, and a centenary commemorative stamp is promised.

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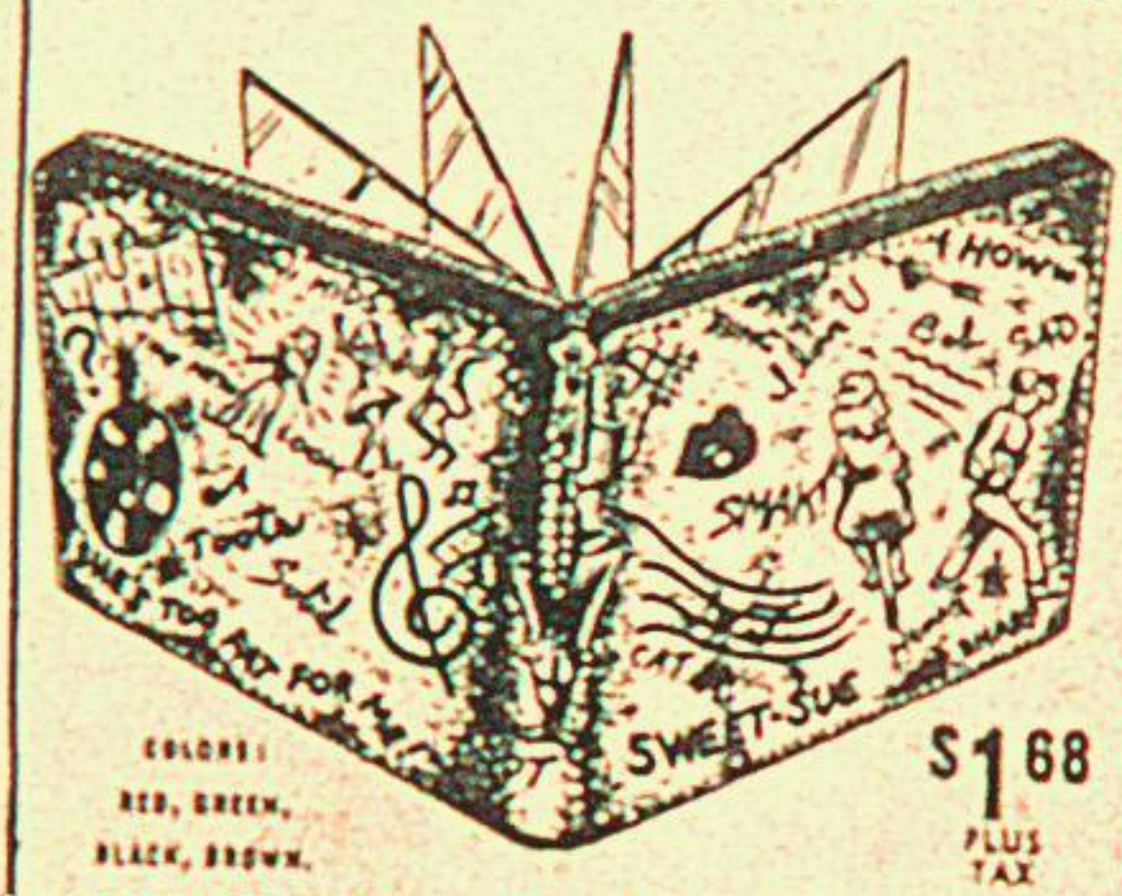

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I'VE KNOWN VINCENT ROBERTS A LONG TIME, ALICE—EVEN *BEFORE* YOU BECAME ENGAGED TO HIM! HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF! *HE'LL SHOW UP!*

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I CAN'T STAND THE UNCERTAINTY! I MUST KNOW WHETHER HE'S ALIVE—OR DEAD! I'M GOING TO SEE SWAMI KRISHNA THIS AFTERNOON!

THE MAN WHO PROFESSES TO SUMMON UP SCENES FROM THE PAST? WHY, HE'S A FAKER, ALICE!

MAYBE SO! BUT I INTEND TO FIND OUT—FOR MYSELF! GOOD-BY, TORCH!

ALICE, IN THE NAME OF REASON...

IT'S NO USE ARGUING WITH A WOMAN! THAT FAKE SWAMI WILL SWINDLE HER OUT OF EVERY CENT SHE OWNS!

WE CAN STOP HIM, TORCH!

ALICE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER FIANCÉ! WELL, WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT FOR HER?

YOU'RE RIGHT, TORO! I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT!

SOON AFTERWARD, TWO FLAMING METEORS LEAVE THE SHORES OF A CONTINENT BEHIND THEM...

WE'VE A LONG WAY TO GO!

AT THE RATE WE'RE TRAVELING, IT WON'T TAKE LONG!

IN THE HOME OF THE FAMED SWAMI KRISHNA..

THERE MUST BE NO MISTAKES! ALICE GRAHAM IS AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY WOMAN!

I GOT A PHOTOGRAPH OF VINCENT ROBERTS! FRANK IS THE SAME SIZE AND GENERAL BUILD, AND WITH A LITTLE MAKE-UP, SHE'LL NEVER KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

EXCELLENT! IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR OUR PERFORMANCE! UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, THAT BELL ANNOUNCES OUR VICTIM!

RING

SOON...

A VISION IS COMING... YES, I SEE IT NOW! A LONG, WINDING TRAIL INTO THE JUNGLE! A MAN COMES TOWARD ME!

IS-IS IT **VINCENT?**

BEHOLD! SEE FOR YOURSELF! LET THE **PAST BE PRESENT** TO YOUR EYES!

I-I CAN SEE! IT'S VINCENT! CAN-CAN HE HEAR MY VOICE?

NO-HE ***CANNOT!*** YOU ARE WATCHING A SCENE THAT OCCURRED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO! ***LOOK!*** A SAVAGE— ***WITH A BLOW GUN!***

OH, NO!

IT-IT WAS ***HORRIBLE!*** I SAW-BUT I ***CANNOT*** SAVE HIM!

I GRIEVE FOR YOU, MISS GRAHAM! BUT NOW, YOU KNOW THE TRUTH! YOUR FIANCÉ, ***VINCENT ROBERTS, IS DEAD!***

I BELIEVE IN YOU, SWAMI KRISHNA! YOU ***CAN*** BRING BACK THE PAST! YOU **MUST** LET ME SEE HIM ***AGAIN!***

I ***CANNOT*** PROMISE ANYTHING! TO PERFORM THESE MIRACLES IS EXHAUSTING... EVEN ***DANGEROUS*** FOR ME!

IT MEANS *SO* MUCH TO ME! YOU *MUST* DO IT, SWAMI! *I'LL PAY ANYTHING!*

RETURN TOMORROW! I WILL SEE, THEN, WHAT CAN BE DONE!

AT THIS MOMENT...

THE COUNCIL AT BATRUH SAID THAT ROBERTS WAS LAST HEARD FROM AT THE TERWONEE RIVER JUNCTION!

WE'RE *ALMOST* THERE NOW!

THAT RIVER BOAT! IT MUST HAVE BELONGED TO ROBERTS' EXPEDITION!

WE'LL STRIKE *INLAND* FROM HERE, TORO! THE ANSWER TO ROBERTS' FATE *CAN'T* BE FAR AWAY NOW!

AT A NATIVE VILLAGE...

YOU SAY THE WHITE MAN IS *HERE?*

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ROBERTS! WE'VE FOUND YOU AT LAST!

TORCH AND TORO! STRANGE, SEEING *YOU* CHAPS AT THIS END OF THE WORLD!

I'VE BEEN HOLED UP HERE FOR A MONTH! SOME KIND OF TROPICAL FEVER! BUT I'M FIT TO TRAVEL NOW!

THEN YOU'RE GOING *HOME—WITH US!* IT'S THE *ONLY* WAY WE CAN SAVE ALICE FROM BEING *VICTIMIZED* BY A *CHEAP SWINDLER!* I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT ON THE WAY!

SOON... HANG ON! YOU'RE BEING TAKEN FOR THE FIRST FLYING LITTER RIDE IN HISTORY!

(ULP!) I'D NEVER BELIEVE ANYTHING MOVED THIS FAST!

ARE WE GOING STRAIGHT TO SEE ALICE?

I'VE A BETTER PLAN! I WANT THE SWAMI TO INCRIMINATE HIMSELF, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW TO DO IT!

NEXT DAY... OUR LITTLE ACT FOOLED MISS GRAHAM COMPLETELY! SHE'LL KEEP RIGHT ON PAYING FOR "GLIMPSES" OF HER BELOVED FIANCÉ!

YEAH! BEHIND A MESH SCREEN, AND WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF LIGHTING, I COULD FOOL VINCENT ROBERTS HIMSELF!

THERE'S OUR LITTLE LAMB—READY TO BE FLEECED! GET BUSY! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

LEAVE IT TO US, BOSS!

RING

WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME! HERE THEY COME, TORO!

FLAME ON!

I HEAR YOU TALKING!

A TRAP! GOT TO WARN THE SWAMI! YIIIII!

YOU'RE NOT GIVING ANY PERFORMANCE TONIGHT!

BUT THE PLAY'S GOING *ON*—WITH THE *REAL* VINCENT ROBERTS IN THE *LEAD!* OKAY, VINCE?

I'M READY!

OUT OF THE PAST, I SUMMON THE SPIRIT OF... *VINCENT ROBERTS!* LET HIM APPEAR!

OH! HE'S HERE!

YOU HAVE *PROFANED* THE DEAD! I *CANNOT SLEEP!* I SHALL *NEVER* REST IN MY GRAVE *UNTIL YOU DIE!*

WHA...? BUT IT'S *IMPOSSIBLE!* YOU *CAN'T* BE...!

I-I *DIDN'T MEAN* TO BOTHER YOU! IT WAS JUST AN *ACT!* I DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING BACK THE DEAD! *SPARE ME*

YOU HEAR *THAT,* ALICE?

YOU—YOU'RE *NOT* DEAD! OH, MY DARLING! I'VE BEEN *TRICKED!*

I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T SEE THROUGH THE PERFORMANCE, SWAMI! YOU'RE SUCH A MASTER OF *PHONY ACTING, YOURSELF!*

I'M *SO* ASHAMED! TO THINK THAT I *BELIEVED* IN HIM!

HE WAS A *CLEVER* SCOUNDREL, ALICE! HE MADE A PROFITABLE BUSINESS OF "CALLING BACK" THE DEAD! BUT HE BROUGHT ABOUT HIS *OWN* DOWNFALL, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE *HAD* SUCCEEDED—*TOO WELL!*

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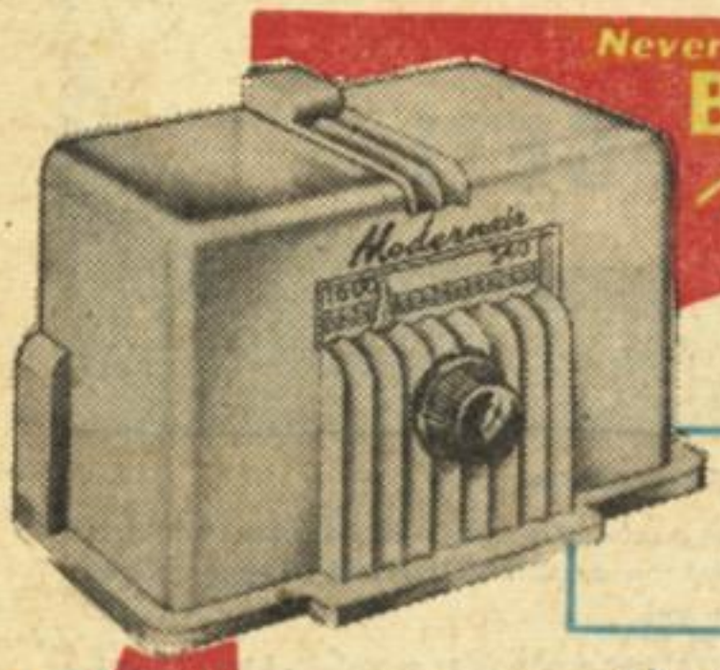

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